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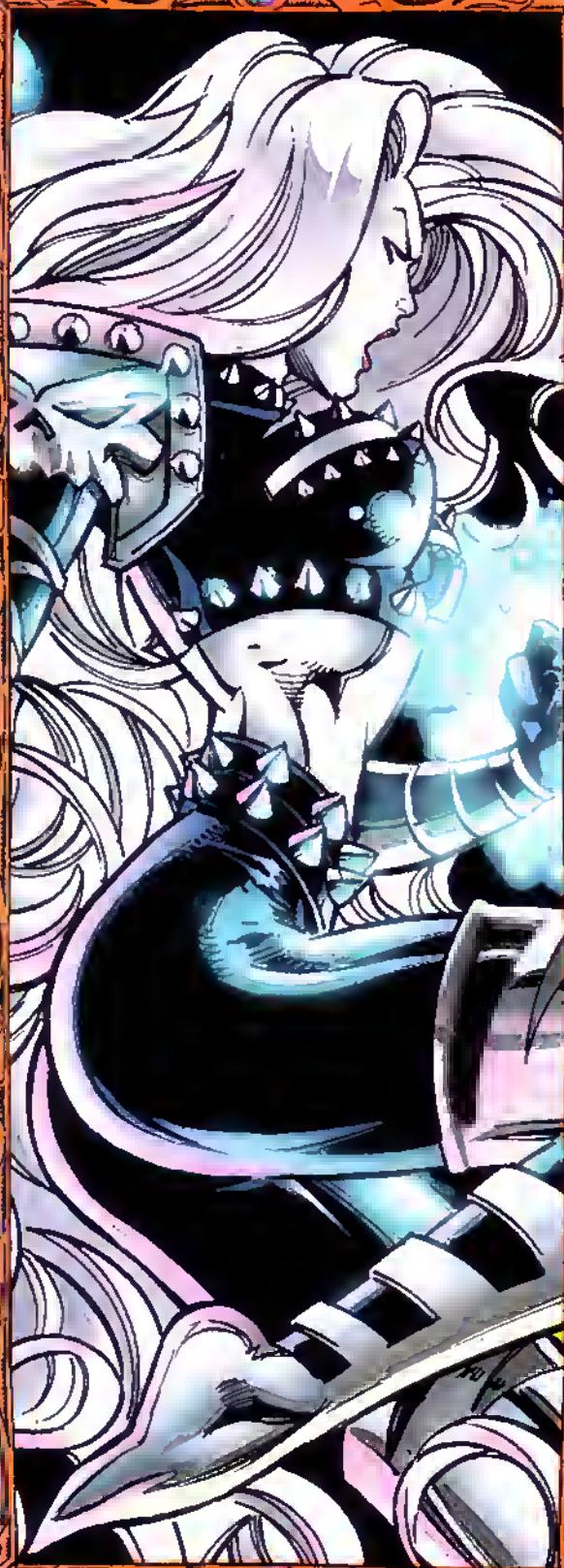
Loco J. Death

COUNTDOWN
10 MONTHS
UNTIL
THE END



DIGITAL
CHAMELEON

Lady Death



"The Adversary" #14

Story So Far

Lucifer released Lady Death from his curse, allowing her to return to Earth—but the strange modern world is not the home she knew four hundred years ago when she was a mortal girl named Hope. Moreover, the Prince of Lies must be working some sort of treacherous game, for both the executioner goddess Lady Death and her human counterpart have returned! Lady Death vowed to solve this troubling mystery. But she hasn't had time to expose Lucifer's scheme; she's been in battle with Pestilence, Famine, and War. The Riders of the Apocalypse insist she must take her place at their side for the final ride, and she vows to kill them before she'll be their slave.

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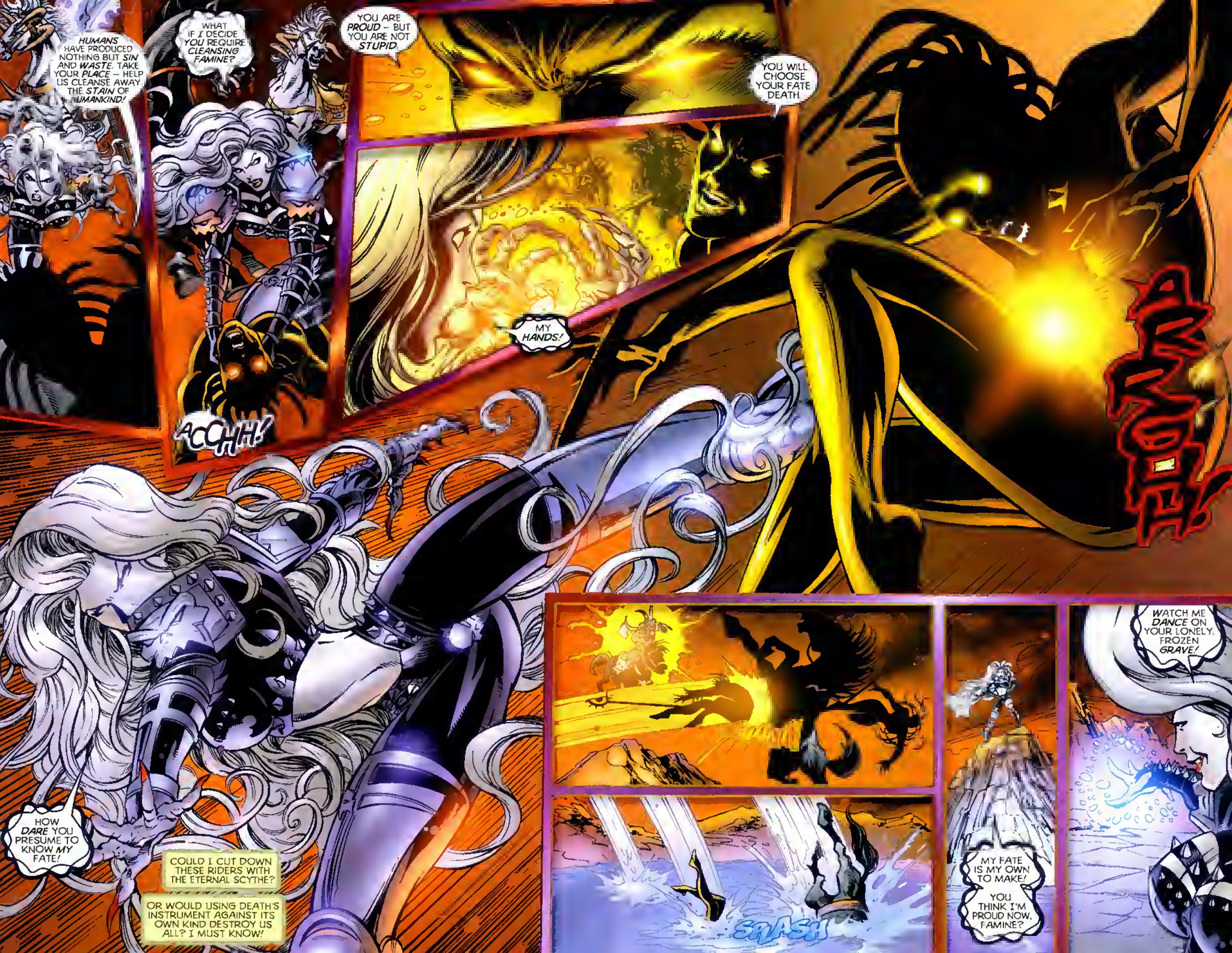
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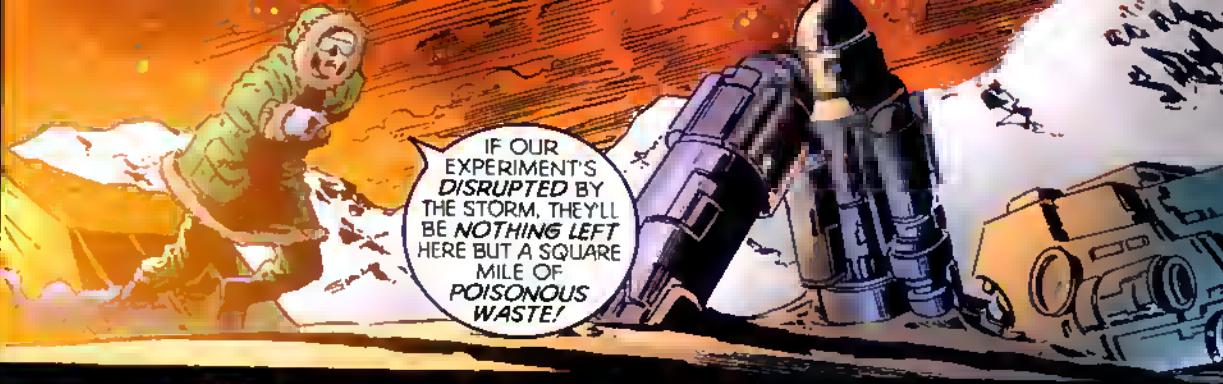
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ALASKA.









IF OUR EXPERIMENT'S DISRUPTED BY THE STORM, THEY'LL BE NOTHING LEFT HERE BUT A SQUARE MILE OF POISONOUS WASTE!



BE CAREFUL, JOHN!



Oh MY GODD

... DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? MY GOD, IT'S THE FOUR RIDERS OF THE APOCALYPSE!



I ACTIVATED THE PODS -- I CAN RESET 'EM!

KICK
GREEN/SAFE!



NOW ... WHERE IS THAT THUG, WAR HIDING?



SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

AMIDST THE WRECKAGE OF A CITY HOSPITAL, THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL FACES A SURPRISE ATTACK!

GABRIELLA!

RETURN TO HEAVEN TO FIGHT WITH YOUR OWN, MICHAEL.

RECLAIM THE ARCHANGEL'S POWER OF HEAVEN'S DIVINE FIRE OR BURN!

NO!

NOUUNNGH!

YOU KICKED LUCIFER FROM HEAVEN! YOU WERE GOD'S WRATH!

HEAVEN KNOWS WHY.

BEHOLD! THE CHOSEN ONE! YOUR OBSESSION WITH HER HAS RUINED YOU!

SHE'S TRANSPORTED US. WHERE ARE WE NOW?

NOW YOU ARE EMOTIONAL AND RASH, A PETULANT CHILD!

GABRIELLA'S RIGHT! GOD'S WRATH SHOULD BE UNAFFECTED BY EMOTION!

SOME MANIPULATOR MADE ME FEEL EMOTION, AND LOSE MY ANGELIC POWER! WHO? YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU? TELL ME NOW!



VASSAGO, GIVE ME ROOM!

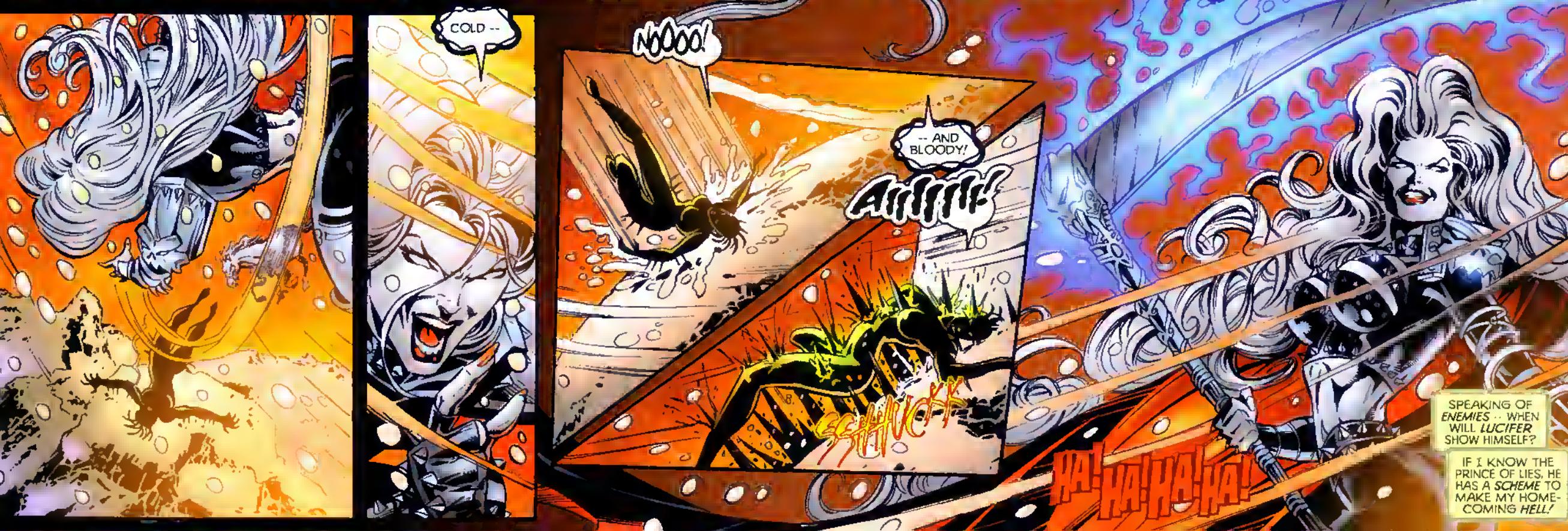
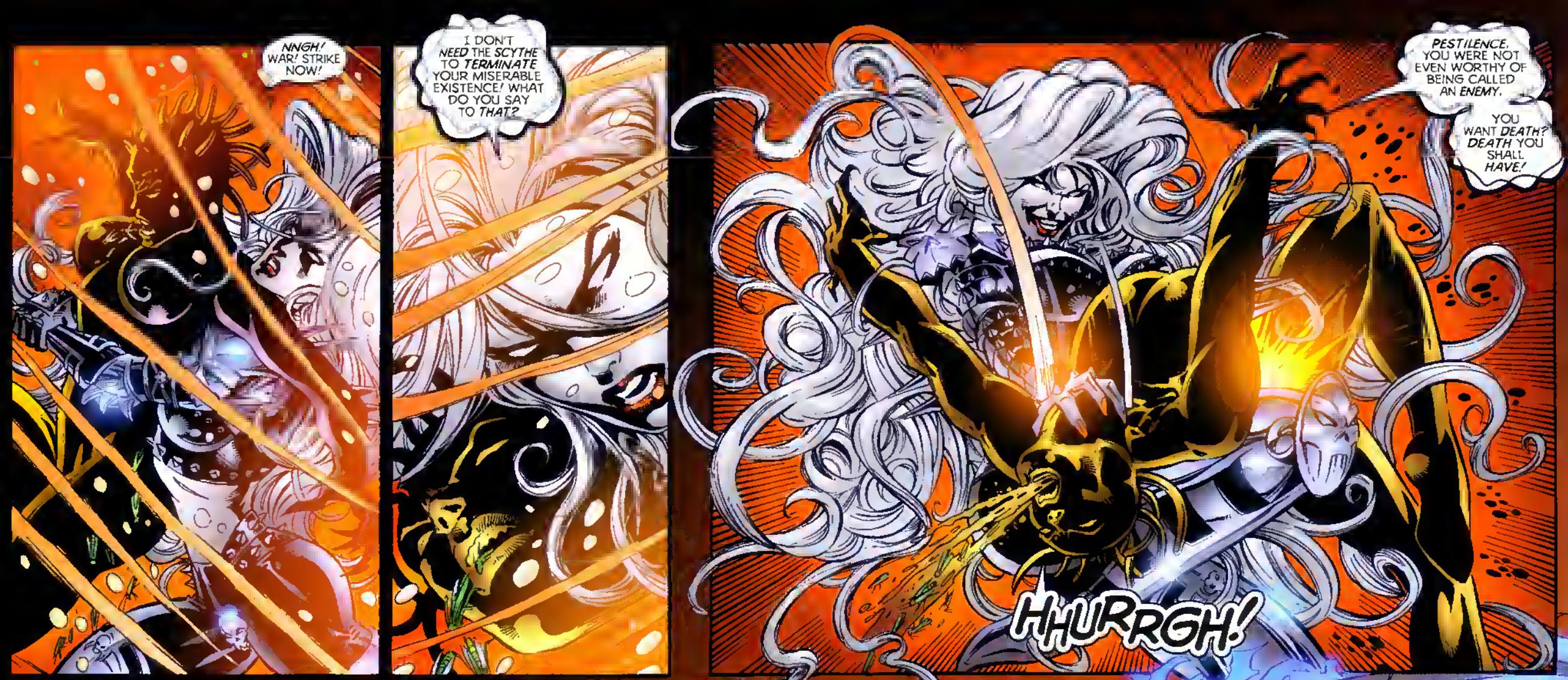
ANYONE WHO WOULD DARE TO MAKE DEMANDS OF ME DESERVES NOTHING LESS THAN SWIFT, RUTHLESS EXECUTION!

I'LL CHILL MY BODY!

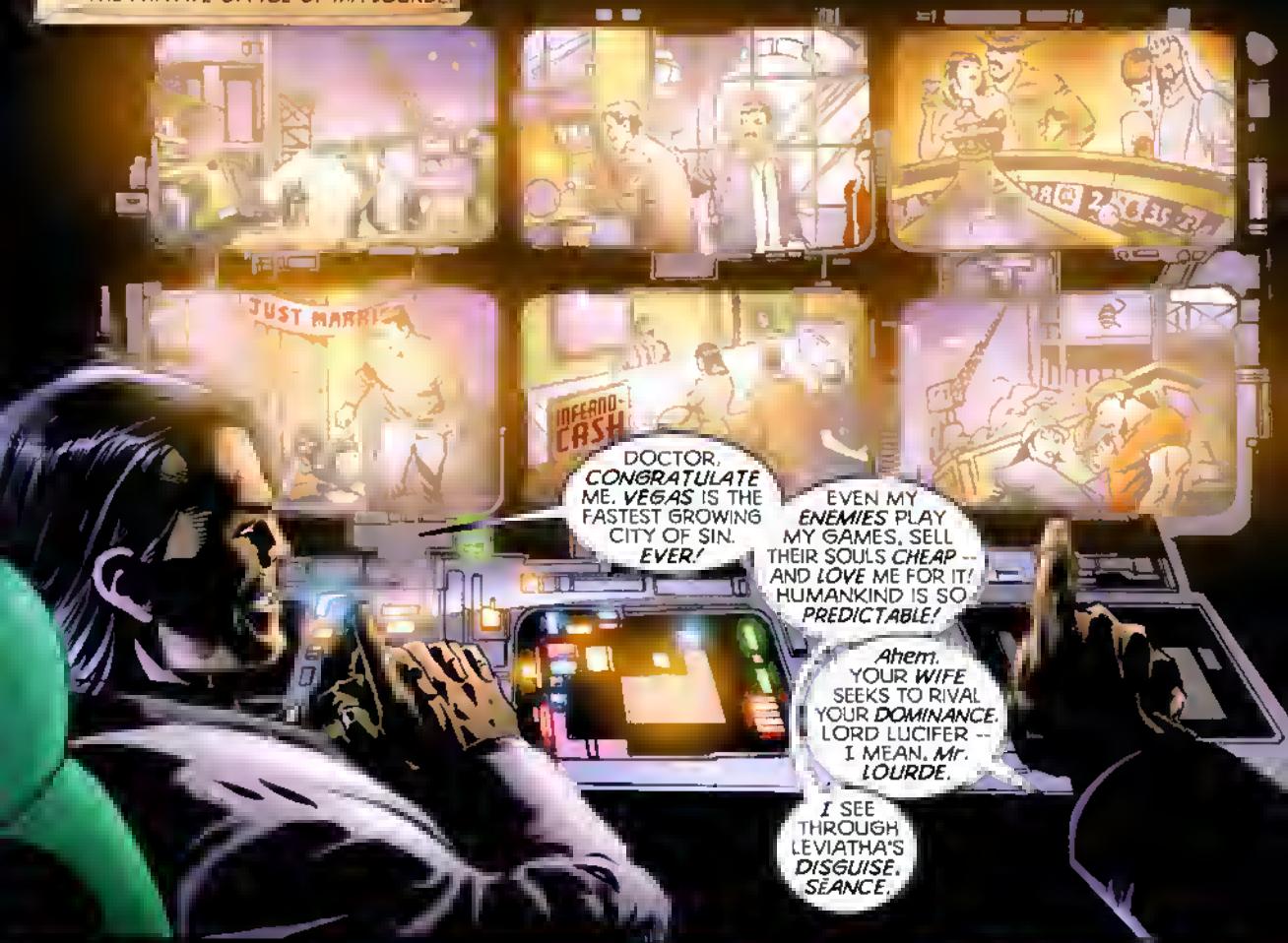
FREEZE THESE LOCUSTS!

SNORT!

CHOKE!



LAS VEGAS, THE INFERNO CASINO.
THE PRIVATE OFFICE OF MR. LOURDE.

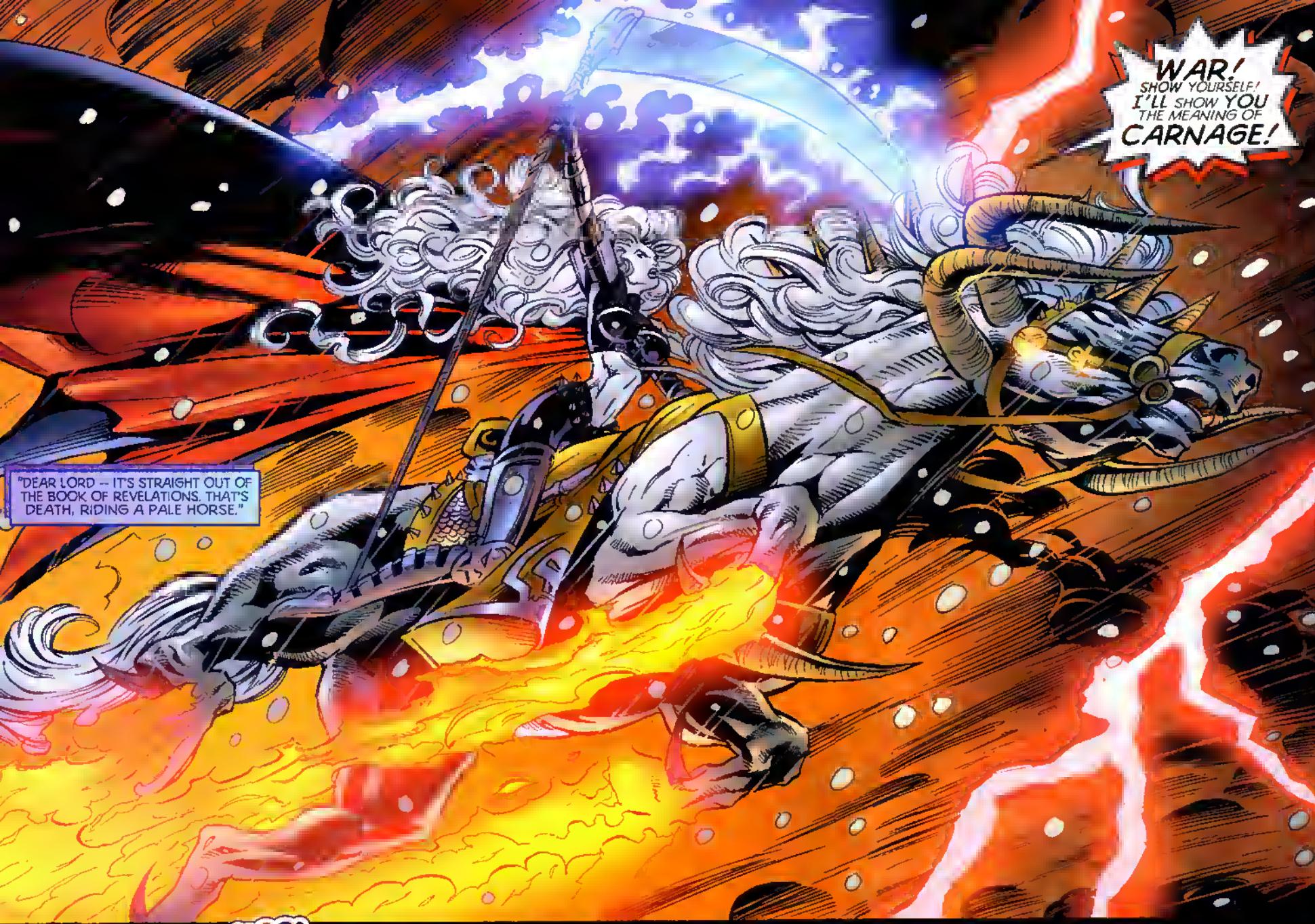




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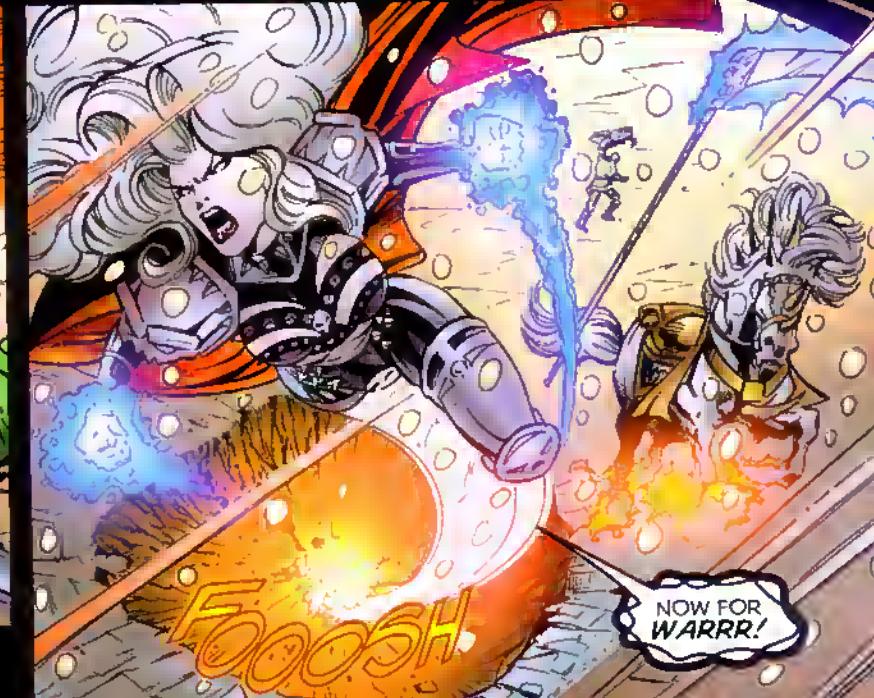




DO WHAT
YOU WILL WITH
THE HUMANS!
I'LL SHED NO
TEARS FOR
THEM!

BUT I'LL
SILENCE YOU
FOREVER!

OH,
MY GOD!
JOHN DIDN'T
DEACTIVATE THE
LAST POD!
IT'S GONNA
BLOW!





RECLAIM
YOUR POWER,
MICHAEL! YOU
CAN'T SAVE
HOPE, BUT YOU
CAN DIE
FIGHTING!

OPEN
YOUR
EYES!

NEAR-
INFINITE
KNOWLEDGE IS
AVAILABLE TO YOU,
DEATH. BUT YOU
LIMIT YOURSELF, LIKE
A HUMAN. YOU'RE
COMMITTED TO YOUR
SOLITUDE AND
MISERY!

IT'S
FITTING YOU
WERE SHAPED
LIKE A MAN, WAR.
YOU THINK YOU
KNOW EVERY-
THING.

HOPE,
ND! YOU
CAN'T DEFEAT
WAR BY DIRECT
ASSAULT! AND
WHATEVER YOU DO,
DON'T USE THE
SCYTHE ON HIM!

I GIVE
YOU A FINAL
CHANCE.
JOIN US!

I
SAVED YOUR
EXECUTION
FOR LAST,
WAR -- FOR MY
PLEASURE!

WHY
DESTROY
YOURSELF? I CAN
SHOW YOU HOW
YOU COULD
AVENGE
YOURSELF ON
LUCIFER!

YOU
DARE
MENTION
THAT HATED
NAME TO
ME?

RRRRRRGH!

LADY
DEATH! DON'T
USE THE
SCYTHE!

Nooo!

YOU WERE
RIGHT, JOHN. THE
END IS COMING

EPILOGUE.

THE SERAPHIM WANT YOU DEAD, MICHAEL. EVEN LUCIFER, IN HIS CITY OF LAS VEGAS, IS EAGER FOR YOUR END.



LUCIFER?
ON EARTH?



AND YOU
SPOKE WITH
HIM?



GOD HAS ABANDONED CREATION. IT'S UP TO ME, NOW.



The IMPENDING CHAOS! #17

YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - FEBRUARY '99

From The Crypt

Okay, last month I told you to expect some changes in our release schedule. I am doing this in an effort to increase the quality of our books. So here is the whole deal: as of April 1999 shipping books I am concluding all our monthly books. The last issue of Evil Ernie monthly will be Evil Ernie #10 (March), last issue of Purgatori monthly will be #7 (March) and last issue of Lady Death monthly will be #16 (April). Where are we going to go from there?

Lady Death, Evil Ernie and Purgatori (and other characters of Chaos!) will return in the mini-series format. Why? Number one, quality. I find for myself, I can maintain a better quality in this format. Also it suits my approach to storytelling much better. I see each mini-series as a motion picture. And each series is an integral piece of the overall Chaos! tapestry.

Here is the low down: Lady Death: The Rapture, a four issue mini-series, touches down in May. It is written by myself with Len Kaminski. In it, the war between Heaven and Hell happens in Las Vegas. Guess who is caught in between? What can you expect? Classic Lady Death - a ruthless, seductive, human hating goddess of death, hell bent on megadeath due to man's abuse of the world. But if Lucifer has his way, she won't get very far.

Evil Ernie: Depraved, a three issue necro-series, creeps to comic shops in June. It is written by myself with Phil Nutman. I named the story Depraved because that is the theme. For long time readers, expect a lot of lingering storylines to collide here. EE's quest for megadeath goes into overdrive. The Mississippi wall comes tumbling down, EE decimates Sanctuary, Mary Young will be tried for Necrocide by Mr. & Mrs. Fairchild, EE and Ernest Fairchild face off. Overall, expect depravity, destruction and demenda.

Purgatori: Goddess Rising, a four issue fight fest, flies at 9a in June. Written by Marc 'The Lost' Andreyko, expect a return to Purgatori's vicious roots. Purgatori is hell bent on gaining power to fight in the judgment era and Kabala's unborn child may be the key. You can expect violence of the ultra quality, sensuality and controversy.

All these storylines are good places to start if you haven't read Chaos! books before, too.

That's the deal, fiends. The clock keeps ticking and ARMAGEDDON grows closer. I'll tell you about the creative teams on the series next time. Until then, get evil.

Peace - thru annihilation,

-Brian Pulido

PS - Me, Fran, Mike Flippin, the Mond brothers and Erik Griner kicked in the new year with BLACK SABBATH. Needless to say, it was another @tangious experience.

CONTACT CHAOS!

The Low Down

Chaos! to Return to Miniseries Format!

That's right Fiends, you've heard the rumors and mutterings - now hear the truth: Beginning in late spring, all Chaos! titles will return to what we're known best for - miniseries that rock! Why are we doing this? To be perfectly honest, it's a matter of quality - we want to bring you the absolute, friggin' best in horrific, dark, comic book entertainment to you, and we feel that the best way to do this is a return to powerful, mind-boggling miniseries on the order of what Chaos! was originally known for.

Now we know what you're thinking dear Fiends - how is the return to a miniseries format going to affect the ongoing countdown to Armageddon and the upcoming storyline that we've been telling you about for months? Trust us, a return to the miniseries format is going to sharpen the focus of the ongoing storyline. Figure it this way - if we're going to tell a story in the miniseries with Armageddon close on the horizon, you can be damn sure that it's going to be important to the overall picture. By returning to the miniseries format, we've cut out any filler between now and the final, ultimate end. You can be sure that anything we're doing between now and December, 1999 is damn important to Armageddon.

So all in all, while the loss of the monthly schedule may burn a few of you die hard Fiends out, we promise we'll make it up to you by telling the most kick-ass stories you've seen from us in years. Also, the return to a miniseries format will bring about a subtle change that Fiends have been clamoring for - our dear, demented founder Brian

Pulido will be taking a much more active role in writing and guiding the Chaos! titles. Don't get us wrong though Fiends, Brian is the overall editor of the entire Chaos! line, and every issue that comes out of the Arizona desert has to get past him first, but with this change, he'll be grabbing the wheel in a more noticeable fashion - he'll be co-writing Evil Ernie and Lady Death and keeping a more hands-on approach to all the titles. Oh, and don't forget - Chastity: Lust For Life kicks off in April for a three-issue run!

All in all Fiends, you're going to get what you want - kickass miniseries action with your absolute favorite Chaos! characters by the absolute best creators in the business! Is Armageddon going to be a good time, or what?

Wrestlemania - Brought to You by Chaos! Comics!

In one of the biggest coups in recent World Wrestling Federation history, Chaos! Comics and The Undertaker comic series have been named as one of the official sponsors of March's Wrestlemania Pay-Per-View event! What does this mean? For starters, it means huge visibility for Chaos! and what will be THE comics event of 1999, The Undertaker! Every cable plug and prim advertisement for the upcoming Wrestlemania (traditionally, the WWF's highest-rated PPV event) will contain a mention of Chaos! and The Undertaker; something which - let's face it Fiends, is just way too cool.

Also, a variant edition of The Undertaker #1, exclusively printed for the WWF, will be offered as a special free promotion to all Wrestlemania viewers who send in a copy of their cable bill - be sure to check Wrestlemania ads for details on how you can get yours! Due to the limited numbers that are being printed, this is going to be one of the hottest variants of '99! Start bugging your cable company to see about ordering Wrestlemania now!

This is a golden opportunity for Chaos! and The Undertaker series, Fiends - and we're asking for your help. If anyone who sees the

ads asks you what all this Chaos! and Undertaker comic stuff is about, grab them right then and there, drag them bodily to your local comic shop and introduce them to the dark, demented world of Chaos! Comics. Wrestlemania is just the first step Fiends - soon, we will rule the entire planet!

The Armageddon '99 Tour

That's right Fiends, this year, we'll once again be taking comic conventions by storm, with blasting music, the coolest visuals and of course, the hippest creators in all of comicdom! This year - the Chaos! booth is going to be THE place at the cons!

And we're not talking about some wimpy, 'we're gonna party like it's 1999' crap. Hell no, Fiends! This time out it's the Armageddon Tour, the last tour of Chaos! as you know it.

Since that Chaos! Cosmos is facing its final days, you can bet we're going to go out with style! How so? For beginners, the Chaos! booth at conventions this year will be about twice the size of our booth last year, with all new graphics, showcase spots and all new exclusive convention merchandise. How do we know it's going to be the absolute best booth out there? Easy - our fearless leader Brian Pulido is taking the reins and designing the new look of our setup himself. With Brian in charge, you know it's gonna be nasty (we still need to talk to him about the surprise bucket of pig's blood that he wants to drop on every 13th guest though!) Where can you find us this summer? Well Fiends, aside from around the blood cauldron on the night of a full moon, look for us at the following shows:

- Big Apple Con - June 11-12, New York City, NY
- Wizard World Chicago - July 16-19, Rosemont Convention Center, Chicago, IL
- Comicon International - August 12-15, San Diego, CA

And remember, while details are still being finalized, Chaos! dark and demented spe-

cial convention guest, The Undertaker may show up at any one of these locations - stay tuned for more information!

Chastity is Back!

You just can't keep a good-looking, ass-kicking vampire down these days - or at least, you can't keep them from showing their Lust For Life.

Coming this April, Chastity returns in the three-issue Chastity: Lust For Life miniseries, written by Phil Nutman, with pencils by Al (Purgatori) Rio and inks by Joe Pimental. This time out, Chastity's dream of starring in a motion picture comes true - only there's a vampiric civil war in the way, and both sides have plans for Chas - plans she's none too happy about, which just may end her story forever!

As a special bonus, Lust For Life readers will have the chance to enter a free contest with one of the coolest prizes ever - original Chastity art. In addition, Chastity: Lust For Life #1 Premium Cover by Humberto Ramos will be offered in May. Limited to 2500, it will retail for \$9.95.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming new Chastity card set coming in April - it's 30 cards worth of Chas and a few other surprises that will have you screaming for more!

Chaotic Reminders!

Lady Death "7" sculpture is coming March '99! She'll send Barbie running for cover. It's not too early to start thinking of this year's Fiend Bash. Look for more details starting in May. Insane Clown Posse? Yup - look for a Chaos! one-shot special featuring ICP coming this spring! Chaos! Collector's Corner catalogs should be in your mailbox soon with tons of cool and exclusive loot in 'em, including the Octagon Editions - limited editions limited to eight (8) original, hand drawn copies. Need a copy of the catalog? Call us.

The Chaos! To Come Checklist

Enjoy life. Read comics more often! After all, who among us can get through the week without a certain amount of Chaos? Be the first on your block to own the complete set of Chaos! Comics.

February '99

- Purgatori #6 \$2.95
- Lady Death #14 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie #9 \$2.95
- Cremator #4 (of 5) \$2.95
- Smiley's Movie Special \$2.95

March '99

- Purgatori #7 \$2.95
- Lady Death #15 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie #10 \$2.95
- Cremator #5 (of 5) \$2.95
- Undertaker #1 \$2.95
- Smiley's Spring Break Special \$2.95

April '99

- Chastity Lust for Life #1 (of 3)
- Lady Death #16 \$2.95
- Undertaker #2 \$2.95
- Smiley's Whacky Wrestling \$2.95

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Last Writes

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Good evening. I'm David Quinn, instigator of this tale and host of your page. I invite your letters!

Welcome to the Inferno! It's no secret that the first year of Lady Death's monthly has been building to this story. Conflicts and changes will force the Diva of Death to hone her ruthlessness to the bleeding edge-and I promise you, no "Lady Death Classic" fiend wants to miss the next issues.

Before turning to your letters, a correction. Contrary to what appeared on the inside cover of December's offbeat Holiday Nightmare Tale, the correct title was "The Life of Death on Earth!"

Now, what's on your mind?

DEAR CHAOS! CREW:

I have been collecting Chaos! Comics for the last five years now, and so far I have no complaints about the quality of the storylines/merchandise, etc. Everything is first rate; however, maybe you guys should slow down. Things are coming too thick and fast, and it's sometimes hard keeping up with it. Here in Australia, where your titles retail for \$5.95 and trade paperbacks are \$25.95, I can't keep up with all the titles, let alone the merchandise. I know you are a growing company, but what you've got to understand is that some of us can't afford all the ace goods. Also, about the movie that's been talked about, no Hollywood actress should portray the Diva of Death. In my opinion, it should be done with kick-ass animation. I mean, we are talking the Diva of Death here, not Xena or Baywatch. Don't turn Lady Death into "Lady Bimbo".

Thanks for listening.

Marky H.C.
Queensland, Australia

Marky, watch this space for the word on the "slow down" you suggested. And I agree-no human could play the Goddess.

DEAR LAST WRITES:

I'd like to know what happened to Lady Death's old costume? What she is wearing now may be better for hand to hand fighting, but the Lady doesn't usually get that close. I liked her original bikini style costume. Is the reason it has changed because too many people wanted her costume censored? I think this comic can last without these things. The story and art are good enough, but with it, they are even better. Let's get rid of Lady Death's pants!

Yours truly,
Richard Vasseur

The Lady has a proposal-you take yours off, and she'll do the same. Seriously--

stand by us through the end of this story. You may get your request-and a whole lot more.

DEAR CHAOS! FELLERS:

I'm so glad Steven Hughes is back! Issue 9 was like a homecoming. I'm not belittling Mike Deodato, but only Steven can draw Lady Death's facial expressions. However, you may need to phase out the Purgatori series. Please do it while Evil Ernie and Lady Death are still strong. (Dead King and The Omen are among the best things you've ever done.)

I'm just one fan, but here's my advice: Keep Lady Death and Evil Ernie as permanent series, and revolve everything around them as mini-series like you used to do. That's what's always made you so strong: plot consolidation. (And don't hire anybody that can't draw evil faces.)

I loved Purgatori in the new Evil Ernie series. Sorry to be so critical, I just love Chaos! Comics so much. I'll never stop buying.

Jeff Hollan

Creator/Editor Brian Pulido and I looked at the Lady in the light of all we've learned working on this monthly series together in the last year and forged a story that defines her once and for all. Lady Death is the chilling, sadistic, executioner goddess, the Ruling Queen of Hell and that's what the Inferno is all about.

And now it's time to step deep into the hallows of the Chaos! Compound, where we keep all of our READER ART. This month we pull out some cool renderings of our Diva of Death by (top-bottom) DUSTIN EDWARDS, AN NGUYEN, and an UNKNOWN ARTIST.

As always, we thank you for your letters and artwork, so send it all in now, because ARMAGEDDON is forthcoming... and it will be here sooner than you think!



Next Issue

"Lucifer's Arena!" The Inferno is the quintessential Hell on Earth story arc! The Diva of Death and her human counterpart Hope face their most personal crisis ever! One is a chilling, sadistic, executioner goddess. The other, a sharp-witted, fierce mortal survivor. Both wage a very personal war against Mr. Loude, AKA Lucifer, in his earthly domain, Las Vegas! The Inferno! storyline climaxes with non-stop battle in every arena!



CHAOS! RULES!

at the November 14th Collectors Authority

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Chaos! Creator, Brian Pulido and
Chaos! Artist, Steven Hughes thrill

the Fiends as they sign comics, kiss babies and cause utter Chaos!

Upper Left: The "Father" of Chaos! arrives! - Upper Right: The Collectors Authority owners Mario Delgado and Pete Contero, as well as Evil Ernie, welcome Brian and Steven. - Middle Left: The Collectors Authority proudly displays the official Omega Store plaque and the infamous one-of-a-kind, signed Rice-A-Roni box. - Middle Right: The Collectors Authority owners Mario and Pete show that they're "Sworn To The Black" as well. - Bottom Left: Brian Pulido greets waiting fans in true Chaos! style. - Bottom Right: Brian rallies the fans to help him retake The Alamo after the signing!

When in San Antonio, be sure to stop by the Collector's Authority at 409 SW Military Drive, (210) 977-8818 or fax (210) 977-8852. Tell 'em Chaos! sent ya! "Collector's Authority & their customers rule! Thanks for a great time guys!" Brian Pulido, Arch Fiend